[29th January 1931

Recruitment of Deputy Tahsildars.

*212 Q.—Mr. A. Kondappa: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Deputy Tahsildars directly recruited from 1918 till the end of 1930;

(b) how many were recruited from the Tamil districts and how many from the Telugu districts;

(c) whether any Deputy Tahsildars were recruited from the Ceded districts, and if so, how many;

(d) how many applications were received from the Ceded districts during the period 1918 to 1930; and

(e) how many applicants coming from the agricultural or ryot population were recruited as Deputy Tahsildars during the same period?

A.—(a) 47.

(b) 24 were recruited from Tamil districts and 14 from Telugu districts.

(c) Yes. Two, in the year 1920.

(d) & (e) The Government have not the information.

Mr. A. Kondappa:—"With reference to the answer to clauses (d) and (e), may I request the hon. the Revenue Member to call for the information from the respective Collectors' offices and if it is not available there from the several tahsildars' offices?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"I do not think the collection of this material is worth the trouble involved, as we will have to obtain information from a large number of applicants. Further, I am not clear as to the definition of the terms 'agricultural or ryot population'."

Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar:—"With reference to answer to clause (c) I see only two candidates from the Ceded districts during the last eleven years have been chosen. In view of that inadequate number, may I request the Revenue Member to see that more candidates are chosen from these districts hereafter?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"I cannot say whether that number is adequate or not. But I shall see whether measures can be taken to ensure that the number of candidates chosen in future is distributed evenly throughout the Presidency."

Survey and Settlement

Proposed enhancement of land revenue in Malabar.

*213 Q.—Mr. R. M. Palat: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government propose a new settlement for the enhancement of land revenue in any part of Malabar; and

(b) whether, in this connexion, the Government have taken into consideration

(i) the fact that the interpretation of the proclamation of the 21st of July 1805 by Mr. Warden, Collector of Malabar, made on behalf of the Board of Revenue and the Government is that the Government has bound itself to a permanency of the proportion of the Government demand of the produce, and

29th January 1931]

(ii) the opinion of the Government Pleader, Mr. Shephard, dated 10th of May 1882 and of Messrs. McWatters and Logan, Collectors of Malabar and of the Revenue Board (please see G.O. No. 459, Revenue, dated 18th April 1883)?

A.—(a) & (b) The proposal of the Special Settlement Officer, No. IV party, for the re-settlement of the eight plains taluks of the Malabar district have been published in the *Malabar District Gazette* for January 1931. The Government observe that the matters referred to in clause (b) of the question have been alluded to by the Special Settlement Officer in paragraphs 39 and 57 of his report. Three months' time has been allowed for making representations in regard to the proposals—vide notification published in the *Malabar District Gazette* Extraordinary, dated 12th January 1931. The proposals of the Special Settlement Officer will be considered by this Government on the expiry of the period specified in the notification.

Resurvey of some taluks in South Kanara.

* 214 Q.—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is a proposal to re-survey the taluks of South Kanara which have not been re-surveyed;

(b) if so, for what reasons;

(c) whether the public are opposed to the re-survey; and

(d) what action the Government propose to take in the matter?

A.—(a) to (d) No such proposal is under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—"May I know whether the Survey Department has made any communication in the matter of re-survey of the taluks of South Kanara?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"We have received no recommendation for the re-survey of the taluks of South Kanara."

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—"May I know what is the interest that the Survey Department has in re-surveying the district of South Kanara when the people of that district object to it?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"I said we have not received any communication from the Survey Department."

Local Boards and Municipal Councils

Leasing of trees for tapping by local bodies.

* 215 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government have taken any objection to the stoppage of the practice of leasing out trees for tapping by certain district boards and municipalities?

A.—No.